REMARKS

Claim 13-87 are presented for consideration, with Claims 13-20, 25, 28, 29, 32, 33, 38, 41, 42, 45, 46, 51, 54, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70, 73, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84 and 86 being independent.

The specification has been amended to include the continuing data of the subject application.

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), copies of the listed documents are not enclosed because they are of record in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.

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